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**From:** Stephanie Charbonneau [scharbonneau.68@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2013 10:16 PM  
**To:** Wallace, Butch; Stephanie Charbonneau  
**Subject:** Help with Return of Children  
**Attachments:** 001.jpg

Dear Mr. Wallace,  
Thank you for your time and any assistance you can give us in this matter.

As I mentioned to you on the phone tonight DSS placed Lizet Cruz and Efren Bornios in our home on August 5, 2013. My husband and I were designated as Alternative Caregivers. We have been involved in Lizet and Efren's and their families lives for over three years. These children have been safe and happy as many teachers, principles and doctors will attest to these facts. Efren was born with a extremely serious heart condition and should have a guardian who knows him, his doctors and his conditions. There are things that are unsafe for his health if he were to go from foster home to foster home. I have contacted DSS many times regarding Efren's health and NEVER receive a response in regard to his health.

Last week I witnessed an abuse act by the children's mother enacted on the children's brother Elias. We reported this abuse to DSS. No action was taken by DSS. On Friday December 20, 2013 Adam Lynch the caregiver/guardian for Elias filed a compliant against DSS and a police report for the abuse. Now two days before Christmas, the children have been separated into three different homes with no opportunity to see each other for Christmas or receive their Christmas gifts or spend time with the people who they consider family now. DSS gives no reason for this sudden move but it can't be for the good of the children. Our two families, the Charbonneaus and the Lynches have the best interest for the children and always try to have the children spend as much time together as possible. No one loves these children as much as we do other than God. DSS has torn two familes apart for no reason. Please help us restore our families!!

Pine view

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**From:** Brandon Sandifer [wbsandifer@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2013 10:42 PM  
**To:** Wallace, Butch  
**Subject:** Summary of Situation and Contact Info. for Pastor Brandon Sandifer

Mr. Wallace,

Thanks for taking my call this evening. I am the pastor of Pineview Baptist Church in West Columbia. I am very familiar with the situation involving the Hispanic children who were under the care of Doug and Stephanie Charbonneau and Adam and Savannah Lynch. There are four children involved. Doug and Savannah were caring for the older two (Lizette and Efrien). Adam and Savannah were caring for the younger two (Nathanael and Elias). I believe they have been caring for them since the summer. After the birth of her fifth son, the mother did not have adequate living space to care for the children and DSS placed these them with the Charbonneaus and the Lynchs as temporary guardians. The Charbonneaus and Lynchs are some of the most sacrificial and loving people I have ever met. We are heartbroken for them and the children in this situation. I can't imagine a better situation for these children to be in at this time than with these families. Again, thank you so much for taking your time this evening to talk with me concerning this matter. If I can be of any further assistance my contact information is listed below. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Adam Lynch [jadamlynch@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2013 11:38 PM  
**To:** Wallace, Butch  
**Cc:** Stephanie Charbonneau  
**Subject:** Help With Children (With Privacy Attachment)  
**Attachments:** Privacy Release-Lynch 001.jpg

Dear Mr. Wallace,

We cannot thank you enough for your help.

Nathanael Bornios-Ventura and Elias Bornios-Ventura were placed in our home (Savannah and Adam Lynch) on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 under a Safety Plan given through DSS. Our DSS case number is 0001436458.

These children came from an environment where they were continually neglected and entered into a home where they were loved and cared for every day. Since being with us they have put on a healthy amount of weight, developed socially and academically, and were in the process of receiving medical attention that had previously been denied them.

On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie Charbonneau witnessed an act of sexual abuse between the birth mother and Elias. We tried on Monday and throughout the business week to contact MANY DSS officials about the abuse, but little progress was made. On Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, Adam Lynch reported it to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department which opened our case (#13-023142). Unexplicably, our DSS worker who has been extremely difficult to contact throughout our case, informs us at 4:42 p.m. on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, that we have to return the children to the DSS office by 7 p.m. the same day.

Our lawyer, Dale Dove, is the man who was handling our separate filing for private adoption and will represent us throughout this process.

We packed up an overnight bag for the children with tears flooding our eyes. We had no explanation to pacify us and no reason to give to the children for why they had to leave a stable home, people they called mommy and daddy, and all their presents still sitting under the Christmas tree. We couldn't tell them where they were going or why. All we could say was that we loved them and we would do all we could to get them to live with us again.

Any assistance that you or Representative Wilson could lend us in this endeavor would be much appreciated.